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SUBJECT: NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT ( NMPA)

REF: ( A ) USNATO 650 ( NOTAL)

( B ) STATE 023535 ( NOTAL)

( C ) STATE 024741 ( NOTAL)

( D ) USNATO 715 ( NOTAL)

( E ) USNATO 0852 ( NOTAL)

SUMMARY. IN A LETTER OF FEBRUARY 9, 1973, THE CHAIRMAN, NMPA STEERING COMMITTEE ( NMPASC) QUERIED THE CANADIAN MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE ( MOD) ABOUT THE CANADIAN ISSUANCE OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO SEVERAL SOURCES, NOT INCLUDING THE NMPASC, FOR THE DESIGN OF AN ADVANCED MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT ( MPA) TO REPLACE TH CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL CANADIAN ARGUS MPA. REF-CONFIDENTIAL

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ERENCES ( A ) THROUGH ( E ) ARE PERTINENT. THE CANADIAN RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER PLUS OTHER PERTINENT CORRESPONDENCE HAVE BEEN

INFORMALLY TRANSLATED AND ARE QUOTED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, AND  
3. BELGIAN PERMREP ( DE STAERCKE) HAS, VIA THE LAST PARAGRAPH  
OF THE LETTER QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 1, REQUESTED QUOTE APPRECIAT-  
ION OF THE CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM THE CANADIAN LETTER  
UNQUOTE. SEE PARAGRAPH 4 FOR USNATO COMMENT AND RAY AFTER COMMUNIQUE, LOCAL NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AN ABBREV-  
IATED VERSION OF RESOLUTION CO- SPONSORED BY MEXICO AT UN SEABED  
COMMITTEE WHICH ECHOES STATEMENTS IN JOINT MEXICAN- CANADIAN  
COMMUNIQUE AND REINFORCES EMBASSY' S BELIEF THAT GOM HAS ADOPTED  
THE CONTINENTAL SHELF FORMULA, WHICH WOULD GRANT EXCLUSIVE  
JURISDICTION OVER THE RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF TO  
LITORAL STATES.

3. LOCAL CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR, JUST RETURNED FROM OTTAWA,  
SAYS THAT ECHEVERRIA FOLLOWED NOW- FAMILIAR PATTERN OF GIVING  
LENGTHY MONOLOGUES, LEAVING NO TIME FOR RESPONSE. HIS AIRPORT  
ARRIVAL STATEMENT WAS CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN NORMALLY REQUIRED  
BY PROTOCOL, AND HIS SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT WAS LONG ENOUGH TO  
DEMONSTRATE THAT CANADIAN MEMBERS ARE NO LESS SUSCEPTIBLE THAN  
THEIR US COUNTERPARTS TO FALLING ASLEEP DURING EXTENDED ORATORY  
IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. CANADIANS ARRANGED FOR ONE- HOUR SESSION  
WITH BUSINESS ELITE ON SATURDAY MORNING, AND ECHEVERRIA PROCEEDED  
TO GIVE 50- MINUTE LECTURE, LEAVING ONLY 10 MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS.  
CANADIAN COUNSELOR SAID GOC HAD DIFFICULTY AROUSING INTEREST  
OF CANADIAN PUBLIC IN VISIT, AND TURN- OUT AT PUBLIC EVENTS  
WAS SPARSE. HE SAID DISMAL WEATHER WAS ALSO CONTRIBUTING FACTOR.  
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3. TEXT OF CANDIAN REPLY. QUOTE:

TEXT OF THE LETTER SENT BY THE HONORABLE JAMES RICHARDSON,  
MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, TO MR. P. AVAERT, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE ATLANTIC STEERING COMMITTEE, ON 23 MARCH, 1973

I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LETTER OF 9 FEBRUARY 1973 IN  
WHICH YOU POINT OUT THE INTEREST SHOWN BY THE NATO  
MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE IN THE  
AIRPLANE WHICH IS TO REPLACE OUR LONG RANGE PATROL  
AIRCRAFT ARGUS. THE LENGTH OF TIME I TOOK TO ANSWER  
IT CAN BE EXPLAINED BY MY DESIRE TO HAVE THE PROPOSALS  
IT CONTAINED STUDIED VERY CAREFULLY.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT, DURING THE  
DELIBERATIONS OF THE ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE ON THE BREGUET-  
ATLANTIC, CANADA GAVE ITS SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE WHEN  
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THE LATTER DECLARED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS  
AIRCRAFT WOULD REPRESENT A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION IN  
THE DOMAIN OF ANTI- SUBMARINE WARFARE. THIS POSITION  
WAS MOTIVATED BY OUR CONSTANT DESIRE TO FAVORIZE CO-  
OPERATION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF NATO AND TO REDUCE,  
AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, THE LOGISTIC DIFFICULTIES OF  
THE ALLIANCE BY ADOPTING STANDARD WITH DPRK AND KOREAN ITEM AT NEXT UNGA  
TO FACTOR INTO FUTURE EC DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT. WE RESPONDED  
THAT IN GENERAL U. S. VIEW THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO HINDER  
PROGRESS OF ON- GOING TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS, AND WE REGARDED  
ANY MOVE TOWARDS ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH DPRK OR DISCUSSION  
OF KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA AS SUCH HINDERANCE. OFFICIAL RESPONDED  
THAT IT WAS ITALIAN IMPRESSION THAT FOR THE MOMENT ROK WAS THE  
LESS COOPERATIVE PARTY IN KOREAN TALKS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT TO  
RESPOND IN MORE DETAIL TO ITALIAN REQUEST FOR U. S. POSITION ON  
SUBJECT:. VOLPE

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